

## PREFACE

The *Yearbook of Physical Anthropology* is an annual supplement to the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*, and both are publications of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists. The *Yearbook* provides broad but thorough coverage of developments within the discipline. *Yearbook* articles summarize the state of the art in a particular subfield of physical anthropology and/or present new paradigms for addressing important issues of general interest to the field. Thus, in one sense *Yearbook* articles often serve in part as literature reviews, but often go beyond that to provide new perspectives on a field, which may include presentation of original data and analyses. Most articles are solicited by the Editor and Editorial Board, although unsolicited articles are welcome. All submissions are subjected to external review. Suggestions for topics to include in future issues of the *Yearbook* are also welcome.

Manuscripts submitted to the *Yearbook* must be written in English, and must follow the guidelines set out in the "Guide for Authors" that appears normally in the January issue of the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*. Copies of the Guide are also available from the publisher, the Wiley-Liss Division of John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 605 Third Ave., New York, NY 10158-0012, or may be accessed at the following internet address: <http://www.interscience.wiley.com/jpages/0002-9483/authors.html>. Four copies of the manuscript, plus original figures, should be sent to the Editor at the address below. In addition, an electronic version of the manuscript and figures will be requested prior to publication (instructions for preparing an electronic version can also be

found at the same internet address cited above). Manuscripts may be submitted at any time of the year, but must normally be received by May for publication in that year's issue of the *Yearbook*. The right to reject or request revision of a manuscript is reserved by the Editor. Authors are responsible for reading and prompt correction of proofs. Requests for information should be directed to the Editor.

This volume of the *Yearbook* contains seven articles representing a broad spectrum of topics within physical anthropology. They include two studies of comparative primate anatomy/physiology: Whitten's review of recent developments in behavioral endocrinology and Spoor's review of the human bony labyrinth within its comparative primate context. Potts, and Lahr and Foley explore paleoenvironmental and paleogeographic approaches to hominid evolution. Adaptations to high altitude and the biological significance of baby fat are reviewed by Moore and Kuzawa, respectively. Finally, Konigsberg and coworkers evaluate techniques of stature estimation, a perennial issue in forensic science and paleoanthropology.

The 1998 *Yearbook* is my first issue as Editor. I have been gratified by the support given to me by the Editorial Board, as well as the authors whose hard work has contributed so greatly to the quality of this volume. I look forward to next year's and following issues with eager anticipation.

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